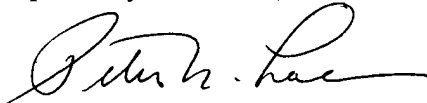


Remarks

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 have been amended and claims 12 and 13 have been added to remove multiple dependency and address typographical errors. The Specification has been amended to add section headings and remove references to the claims. Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance. An early action indication of such is earnestly solicited. However, if there are any issues that remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite a resolution to such issues. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter N. Lalos", written in a cursive style.

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